#### THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING #2**

#### **AUGUST 17, 2010**

#### **MINUTES**

# THE STATE OF TEXAS §

# COUNTIES OF HARRIS & MONTGOMERY &

The Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township held a second Public Hearing, open to the public, on August 17, 2010, posted to begin at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the office of The Woodlands Township, Service Center, 2201 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands, Texas, within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Chairman Bruce Tough, Vice Chairman Lloyd Matthews, Secretary Claude

Hunter, Treasurer Ed Robb, Director Nelda Blair, Director Tom Campbell, and

Director Peggy Hausman

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** None

STAFF/ADVISORS: Don Norrell, President/General Manager, John Powers, Assistant General

Manager Community Services, Monique Sharp, Assistant General Manager of Finance & Administration, Fire Chief Alan Benson, Susan Welbes, Director of Human Resources, Nick Wolda, Director of Community Relations/CVB President, Miles McKinney, Legislative Affairs & Transportation Manager,

Karen Dempsey, Management Analyst

# CALL TO ORDER AND CONVENE IN PUBLIC SESSION;

Chairman Tough called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and declared that notice of this meeting was posted 72 hours in advance at the Courthouses of Montgomery and Harris Counties and inside the boundaries of The Woodlands Township at The Woodlands Township Service Center building located at 2201 Lake Woodlands Drive, The Woodlands, Texas. As there was a quorum of members present, the Board proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters.

# PURPOSE OF HEARING—PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2010 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR THE 2011 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP;

Chairman Tough provided a brief statement regarding the purpose of the Public Hearing which is to receive public comment regarding the proposed 2010 tax rate for the 2011 operating budget of The Woodlands Township.

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# STAFF PRESENTATION REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2010 AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND THE 2011 OPERATING BUDGET OF THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP;

Chairman Tough called on Monique Sharp to present this item. Ms. Sharp used a PowerPoint presentation during her review of the proposed 2010 ad valorem tax rate and the 2011 operating budget of The Woodlands Township. The following topics were reviewed:

- 2011 Budget Plan with an overview of the consolidated budget, revenue sources, expenditures, debt service requirements, and capital projects
- Five-Year Business Plan
- Operating, Debt Service and Capital Reserves
- Calendar/Budget Decisions

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

## CITIZEN COMMENTS; AND

Chairman Tough then opened the floor to receive citizen comments. The following citizens addressed the Board:

- George Ushiroda-clarification on legislation regarding the supplemental hotel tax used for Convention & Visitors Bureau purposes
- Jim Upham-question about whether the Ironman Texas event was aware that hotel taxes would increase next year

Following citizen comments, Chairman Tough reminded everyone in attendance that the Board will meet on August 25, 2010 at 2201 Lake Woodlands Drive at 6:00 p.m. to vote on the tax rate.

### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Tough expressed his appreciation to the Board, Township staff and residents for their time and efforts during the entire budget process. As there was no further business to discuss, the Chair called for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Treasurer Robb; second by Secretary Hunter

VOTE:

Ayes: Chairman Tough

Vice Chairman Matthews

Secretary Hunter Treasurer Robb Director Blair Director Campbell Director Hausman

Nays: None Absent: None

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously.

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Claude Hunter

Secretary, Board of Directors

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# **EXHIBIT OMISSIONS\***

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

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